



U.S. Small Business Administration

# DISASTER NEWS

*Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes*

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## SBA to Close Marina, Oroville and Santa Cruz Disaster Loan Outreach Centers

**Sacramento, CA** – Bruce C. Thompson, Regional Administrator of the U. S. Small Business Administration, announced today that SBA will soon close its Disaster Loan Outreach Centers in Marina, Oroville and Santa Cruz. The Marina center will close at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, November 19. The Oroville center will close at 5:00 pm on Thursday, November 20. The Santa Cruz center will close at 4:30 pm on Thursday, November 20.

“Until then, SBA customer service representatives will continue to be available at the times indicated to issue loan applications, answer questions about SBA’s disaster loan program, explain the application process, and help each individual complete their application. Individuals and businesses in the counties of **Butte, Colusa, Fresno, Glenn, Kings, Monterey, Plumas, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Sutter, Tehama** and **Yuba** who sustained losses from wildfires caused by dry lightning, drought and high winds that began June 8 through June 23, and continued through August 20, 2008, can meet with SBA representatives on the days and times indicated. No appointment is necessary,” Thompson said.

### MONTEREY COUNTY

#### **Marina**

County of Monterey Coastal Offices  
2620 First Avenue  
(Located on former Fort Ord Army Base)  
Off Hwy 1, take Lightfighter exit – left on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.,  
left on Divarty Street, right on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.

Mondays through Wednesdays, 9:00 am – 6:00 pm  
**Closes Wednesday, November 19 at 6:00 pm**

### BUTTE COUNTY

#### **Oroville**

Public Works/Development Service  
7 County Center Drive

Mondays through Fridays, 8 am to 5 pm  
**Closes Thursday, November 20 at 5:00 pm**

### SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

#### **Santa Cruz**

Santa Cruz American Red Cross  
2960 Soquel Avenue

Thursdays and Fridays, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm  
**Closes Thursday, November 20 at 4:30 pm**

SBA offers low-interest Federal disaster loans to homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and private, non-profit organizations to repair or replace property damaged or destroyed by the disaster. Disaster loans up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace their damaged or destroyed primary residence. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property.

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Businesses of any size and private non-profit organizations may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets. SBA can also lend additional funds to help homeowners and business owners with the cost of making improvements that protect, prevent or minimize the same type of disaster damage from occurring in the future.

For small businesses only, SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. EIDL assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any property damage.

Individuals and business owners unable to visit SBA's Disaster Loan Outreach Center may contact SBA's Customer Service Center by calling **(800) 659-2955**, emailing SBA at [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov), or visiting SBA's website at [www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance](http://www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance). Hearing impaired individuals may call (800) 877-8339.

Additionally, disaster victims may now go online to file an SBA application for disaster loan assistance. The Electronic Loan Application (ELA) is accessible via SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

The filing deadline to return applications for property damage is **December 29, 2008**. The deadline to return economic injury applications is **July 28, 2009**.

*For more information visit SBA's website at [www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance](http://www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance).*

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